6. (Amended) A query generator according to claim 5, wherein the input is generated by selecting items from a list of possible items, each item representing data contained within a respective database table, an action to be performed on data within the database, or both data contained within a respective database table and an action to be performed on data within the database.

7. (Amended) A query generator according to claim 1, wherein the query being generated as an SQL query.

8. (Amended) A query generator according to claim 1, wherein the aggregation step requires the aggregation of data in different tables.

10. (Amended) A system according to claim 9, wherein the database processor and the processor of the query generator are a same processor.

13. (Amended) A system according to claim 9, wherein the aggregation comprises at least one of: generating an average of the data, generating a sum of the data, generating a standard deviation of the data, and generating a maximum and a minimum evaluation of the data.

14. (Amended) A system according to claim 9, the query generator further comprising an input device coupled to the processor of the query generator to allow a user to generate the input.

15. (Amended) A system according to claim 14, wherein the input is generated by selecting items from a list of possible items, each item representing data contained within a respective database table, an action to be performed on data within the database, or both data contained within a respective database table and an action to be performed on data within the database.

REMARKS

In the Office Action issued October 3, 2002, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Dalal et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,064,999 (Dalal). Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 10, and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as being indefinite.

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. Claims 4, 6-8, 10, and 13-15 have been amended to clarify and more distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant considers to be the invention.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the prior art. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.